THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI JAS KAUR MEENA): (a) to (c) The Government of India (GOI)-UNICEF Master Plan of Operations (MPO) for the period 2003-07 has been signed on 13th January, 2003. The proposed programmes will be implemented in the fields of Education, Health, Water and Sanitation, Child Development and Nutrition, Child Protection and HIV/AIDS. The objectives of the programme of cooperation include, among others, reduction of infant and maternal mortality, reduction of malnutrition and protection of children and adolescents from HIV/AIDS. An amount of US $400 million has been allocated by UNICEF for the MPO period which constitutes US $150 million Regular Resources and US $250 million Other Resources which have to be mobilized.

(d) to (f) The above Master Plan of Operations was proceeded by the GOI-UNICEF Master Plan of Operations for the period 1999-2002. The total allocation for the period 1999-2002 was US $300 million (US $120 million from Regular Resources and US $180 million from Other Resources). The main programmes implemented were in the fields of primary education, reproductive and child health, child development and nutrition, child's environment (sanitation, hygiene and water supply), child protection, rural convergent community action, urban convergent community action and advocacy. The programme was completed successfully in December 2002 with a fund utilization of about 96%.

Outlay for Higher Education

1779. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to spend record outlay of Rs. 3,922 crore for higher education during the Tenth Plan period;

(b) if so, whether in the Eighth Plan, it was only Rs. 800 crore and in the Ninth Plan, it was only Rs. 2500 crores;

(c) whether the outlay of Eighth and Ninth Plan was fully utilised;

(d) if so, what were the result achieved;

(e) whether Government are confident that the allocation for the Tenth Plan will be fully utilised and will be helpful to the country; and

(f) if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) The approved plan outlay for university and higher education sector, during the X Five Year Plan is Rs. 4176.50 crore.

(b) and (c) The expenditure for this sector during the VIII Five Year Plan and the IX Five Year Plan was Rs. 1055.82 crore and 2270.92 crore as against the approved outlays of Rs. 701.55 crore and 2500.00 crore respectively.

(d) While during the VIII Plan period, strengthening of University departments in term of laboratories, workshops and library services, introduction of new and specialized courses and reappraisal of existing courses/re-training of teachers in new courses were undertaken, the issue of relevance and quality of education, access and equity, university and social change, and management of education were addressed in the IX Plan.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) During the X Plan period, it is envisaged to increase the enrolment of students of the relevant age group (18 to 23 years) in higher education from the existing 6% to 10%. Both conventional and open learning systems would be used for achieving this global. Besides, issues of quality and access, relevance, research and development and private participation are also proposed to be addressed.

Reconstitution of CABE

1780. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the stand taken by the Ministry regarding the reconstitution of CABE which has been the matter of discussion over a year;

(b) what are the reasons for the delay;

(c) what prompted the Ministry to undertake the reconstitution of CABE; and